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TAGS: PINS PLO IS LE

SUBJ: PDFLP RESPONSIBILITY FOR FEB 22 INFILTRATION INCIDENT
ON ISRAELI BORDER

1. PDFLP, IN STATEMENT ALLEGEDLY ISSUED IN DAMASCUS
FEB 23, HAS CONFIRMED THAT "ONE OF OUR GROUPS" WAS
INVOLVED IN FEB 22 CLASH WITH IDF NEAR SHTULA ON
LEBANESE-ISRAELI BORDER (FBIS JN231520). STATEMENT
CONTAINED CUSTOMARY CLAIM THAT "GROUP" IN QUESTION WAS
OPERATING "INSIDE OCCUPIED TERRITORY".

2. COMMENT: WE NOTE THAT THIS INCIDENT, WHICH TO
BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE IS FIRST BORDER CROSSING
ATTEMPTED BY FEDAYEEN AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS OF RELATIVE
INACTIVITY, CAME ON WEEKEND WHEN PDFLP WAS CELEBRATING
SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING. FEB 23 SAW LARGE
RALLY ORGANIZED BY PDFLP AT BEIRUT'S ARAB UNIVERSITY,
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WHERE SPEAKERS (INCLUDING HAWATMEH, FATAH'S ABU IYAD,

LEBANESE "SOCIALIST" LEADER KAMAL JUMBLATT, AND ASSORTED
LOCAL COMMUNIST LUMINARIES) UNIFORMLY CALLED FOR RESUMPTION
OF FEDAYEEN "ARMED STURGGLE" TACTICS TO KEEP HEAT
ON ISRAEL AND "CRUSH" ONGOING EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PEACEFUL
ME SETTLEMENT. TIMING OF FEB 22 CROSS-BORDER OPERATION
STRIKES US AS HAVING BEEN KEYED TO THIS EVENT, SINCE
IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT PDFLP WAS INTENT ON PULLING OFF
SOME EXPLOIT THAT WOULD HAVE LENT PANACHE TO ITS CELEBRATIONS--
REGARDLESS OF ANY INSTRUCTIONS THATPLO LEADERSHIP
MAY RTP MAY HAVE ISSUED RE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF
BORDER ACTIVITIES.
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